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MOUNTAIN GROVE MAN, SUMMERSVILLE WOMAN SENTENCED ON METH CHARGES

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mountain Grove, Mo., man and a Summersville, Mo., woman were sentenced in federal court today for distributing methamphetamine in south central Missouri.

Leonard L. Martin, 44, of Mountain Grove, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

Rebecca S. Shriver, 43, of Summersville, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this afternoon to eight years and four months in federal prison without parole, less 18 months and four days already served on a state sentence (for a total sentence of six years, nine months and 26 days).

On July 29, 2005, **Martin** pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to distribute in excess of 500 grams of methamphetamine from as early as June 2003 to June 17, 2004, in Texas and Wright counties in Missouri. **Martin** admitted that he participated in the transportation and redistribution of more than 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine in south central Missouri, making repeated trips to California to purchase pounds of methamphetamine from co-defendants.

On July 27, 2005, **Shriver** pleaded guilty to distributing methamphetamine on March 31, 2005, in Texas County. **Shriver** admitted that she sold an undercover officer approximately one ounce of methamphetamine for \$1,000.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly R. Weber Dean. It was investigated by the South Central Drug Task Force, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Houston, Mo., Police Department, the Cabool, Mo., Police Department, the Phelps County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Rolla, Mo.,

Police Department, the Texas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Mountain Grove, Mo., Police Department, the Douglas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Wright County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Howell County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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